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Lewis J. Sundquist

Lewis J. Sundquist was born on 10 July 1856, in Nås Dalarna Sweden.¹ He was born under the name, Lars Johanson.² He was born in a parish called Nås, Kopparbergs län in Sweden.³ Lewis was born to John Olsson and Anna Larsdotter.⁴ Lars had five siblings: Olof, Johan, Maja, Henrik, and Magnus. Olof was born on 19 August, 1849. Johan was born on 22 April, 1851. Maja was born on 15 June, 1853. Henrik was born on 8 August 1860. Magnus was born on 21 October, 1863.⁵

Lewis left his family and Sweden in 1878.⁶ The boat that Lewis J. Sundquist came on was called *The Cameo*.⁷ Lewis' trail to America was not a simple one, on 11 February 1878 he travelled from Digerleden, Nås, Kopparbergs län to Nordamerika.⁸ Then on 22 February 1878 Lewis travelled from Göteborg to Omaha.⁹ He immigrated to Swede Valley, Iowa. After being in America for two years, Lewis entered Augustana College in 1880.¹⁰

During his time at Augustana, Lewis joined The Phrenokosmian Society, which was one of Augustana's literary groups.¹¹ He also joined The Handel Oratorio Society. The Handel

¹ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*, p. 12-103, volume bound in *Augustana College Catalog 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. All the students in the senior class are listed with birth places and year of birth.

² "Nås (W) AI: 15d (1857-1866)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, <https://app.arkivdigital.se> : accessed March 2019), image 1430 / page 137, Image ID: (AID: v131310.b1430.s137, NAD: SE/ULA/12222 [Källa: ArkivDigital AD AB]; The image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows Lars Johanson and family.

³ "Nås (W) AI: 15d (1857-1866)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, image 1430 / page 137, showing Lars Johanson and family.

⁴ Conrad Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 43. *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources, it is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish, it is also a translation.

⁵ "Nås (W) AI: 15d (1857-1866)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, image 1430 / page 137, showing Lars Johanson and family.

⁶ Registration card for Lewis J. Sundquist, 1880, Folder 7, Box 1 Early Registration Records, 1876-1891, MSS 241, Augustana College Office of the Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The Registration card is a printed form with handwritten information, almost certainly filled out and signed in 1880 by Lewis J. Sundquist.

⁷ "Göteborgs poliskammare(-1900) (O) EIX:12 (1878)" database of images, *Riksarkivet*, (<https://riksarkivet.se> : accessed March 2019), image 21 / page 47, Image ID: A0056901_00032; This is a photograph of the document that said the name of the Ship Lewis took to leave Sweden.

⁸ Emibas Migration File. The Swedish Emigration Institute & The Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies 2005.

⁹ "Göteborgs poliskammare(-1900) (O) EIX:12 (1878)" *Riksarkivet*, page 47 database image of the Lewis Sundquist's printed name saying which ship he came to America on.

¹⁰ Rev. Ira Oliver Nothstein, A.M., *My Church* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1927), "Lewis J. Sundquist" V. 13 page 89-92. *My Church* is an illustrated Lutheran manual pertaining principally to the history, work, and spirit of the Augusta Synod. This is an Obituary for Lewis J. Sundquist.

¹¹ Phrenokosmian Society Roll 1881-1891, Folder 7, Box 1 MSS 231, Augustana College Office of the Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island Illinois. This Society record book was filled out almost certainly by a member of the society during their time at Augustana.

Oratorio was a musical society at Augustana.¹² Lewis took the same types of classes people would take today. He was in language classes like Swedish and Latin. He also took an English class in which he read about *Hamlet*. Lewis also took a math class.¹³ Lewis graduated from Augustana in 1886.¹⁴ When he graduated from Augustana, he entered into Augustana's Seminary School. Lewis was ordained a pastor in 1888.¹⁵

During his time as a pastor, Lewis worked in many different cities all over the country. Lewis's first job as a pastor was in Osage City, Kansas. He was the pastor of this city from 1888 to 1891.¹⁶

Lewis married Esther Cornelia Gibson in 1891.¹⁷ ¹⁸ After his time in Kansas, Lewis moved to Pueblo, Colorado.¹⁹ In 1892, Lewis and Esther had their first child, Miranda Sundquist.²⁰ He worked in Colorado for only three years, from 1891 to 1894. He then went back to Kansas for ten years, where he lived and worked in Mariadahl, Kansas.²¹ When he was still in Kansas, Lewis and Esther had their second child, Victor Sundquist, in 1894.²² In 1898, Lewis and Esther had their third child, Laurence Sundquist.²³ Lewis's travels were not over yet, he then became the pastor in Manor Elroy, Texas, for five years. Lewis and Esther had another son, Sylvanus J.P. Sundquist, in 1902.²⁴ Lewis left the south and went north to be the pastor in Shenandoah, Iowa,

¹² Handel Oratorio Society Roll 1881-1891, Folder 1, Box 1 MSS 231, Augustana College Office of the Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island Illinois. This Society record book was filled out almost certainly by a member of the society during their time at Augustana.

¹³ Matriculation Records, in MSS 241 College Augustana academic papers and theses, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Accessed March 19, 2019. These books contained the class list and attendance for the senior class.

¹⁴ Commencement Program, 1886, Folder 1 1868-1899, Box 1 Commencement Programs 1868-1936, MSS 248, Augustana College Office of the President Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The twenty-fourth annual commencement program for Thursday, June 10th, 1886, is a small printed leaflet of four pages.

¹⁵ *Augustana Alumni Register*. Rock Island, Illinois, Alumni association of Augustana college and theological seminary: 1924. Print. *Augustana Alumni Register* talked about what the graduates did after they graduated from Augustana Seminary School. It was printed by someone at Augustana.

¹⁶ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 43

¹⁷ Northstein, *My Church*, 92

¹⁸ "United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-69B7-FLR?cc=1325221&wc=9B75-DP6%3A1031093901%2C1031335601%2C1034174701> : 5 August 2014), Kansas > Pottawatomie > ED 134 Blue Valley Township > image 4 of 17 line 76-80, Lewis Sundquist; citing NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.). This is a photocopy of a page from the United States Census in 1900.

¹⁹ Northstein, *My Church*, 89

²⁰ "United States Census, 1900," Kansas > Pottawatomie > ED 134 Blue Valley Township > image 4 of 17 line 76-80, Lewis Sundquist.

²¹ Northstein, *My Church*, 89

²² "United States Census, 1900," Kansas > Pottawatomie > ED 134 Blue Valley Township > image 4 of 17 line 76-80, Lewis Sundquist.

²³ Northstein, *My Church*, 89

²⁴ "United States Census, 1910," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MGM1-9QP> : accessed 18 April 2019), Iowa > Shenandoah > Page > Ward 2. Image 21 of 38, line 43, Lewis Sundquist. citing enumeration district (ED) ED 98, sheet 11A, family 280, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records

from 1909 to 1912. In 1908, Lewis and Esther had their final child together, Esther M.D. Sundquist.²⁵ Finally, Lewis's life took him further North to Minnesota. Lewis worked in Moose Lake, Minnesota from 1912 to 1921.

After being a pastor and serving God for thirty-three years, Lewis retired to St. Paul, Minnesota.²⁶ Lewis had a sudden attack of illness hit him. He recovered only partially. During the Easter season of 1927, his health failed him again, he went into surgery, but the surgery did not work for Lewis. He passed away in St. Paul, Minnesota, Sunday 3 July 1927 at the age of 71 years old.²⁷ Lewis' body was then transferred to Mead Nebraska where he was buried in Alma Cemetery in Mead, Nebraska.²⁸

Administration, 1982), roll 417; FHL microfilm 1,374,430. This is a photocopy of a page from the 1910 United States Census.

²⁵ "United States Census, 1910," Iowa > Shenandoah > ED 98 > image 21 of 38, line 43, Lewis Sundquist.

²⁶ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 43

²⁷ Northstein, *My Church*, 92

²⁸ *Find A Grave*, database with images (www.findagrave.com : added 12 March 2003), memorial 7258032, Lewis J. Sundquist, (1856-1927), Alma Cemetery, Mead, Saunders County, Nebraska, United States: recorded by Lee Martinson. This record includes a photograph of Lewis J. Sundquist' gravestone.

Ancestors of Lewis J. Sundquist

Generation 1

1. Lewis J. Sundquist. For more information about Lewis, see the biography in the main part

Generation 2

2. Johan Olsson. Johan was born 7 June 1815 in Sweden.²⁹ He married Anna Larsdotter (3) in 1848.³⁰
3. Anna Larsdotter. Anna was born 15 December 1824 in Digerliden, Sweden.³¹ Anna married Johan (2) in 1848.³² Johan and Anna had 6 children.³³
 - i. Olof. Olof was born 19 August 1849 in Nås Sweden.³⁴
 - ii. Johan. Johan was born 22 April 1851 in Nås Sweden.³⁵
 - iii. Maja. Maja was born 15 June 1853 in Nås Sweden.³⁶
 - iv. Lars. See 1. Above.
 - v. Henrick. Henrick was born 8 August 1860 in Nås Sweden.³⁷
 - vi. Magnus. Magnus was born 21 October 1863 in Nås Sweden.³⁸

Generation 3

4. Olof Jansson. Olof was born 29 April 1786 in Sweden.³⁹ Olof Married Maja Andersdotter (5) in 1811.⁴⁰

²⁹ "Nås AI:15d (1857-1866)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://arkivdigital.net> : accessed 11 April 2018), image 1430 / page 137, AID: v131310.b1430.s137, NAD: SE/ULA/12222, Johan Olsson and family at Digerleden; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows Johan Olsson (Born 1815) with wife Anna Larsdotter (born 1824) and 6 children.

³⁰ "Nås (W) AI: 18d (1887-1900)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, <https://app.arkivdigital.se> : accessed April 2019), image 187 / page 170; This source gives the birth record of Anna Larsdr.

³¹ "Nås (W) AI: 18d (1887-1900)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, image 187 / page 170, showing Anna Larsdr. and household.

³² "Nås (W) AI: 18d (1887-1900)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, image 187 / page 170, showing Anna Larsdr. and household.

³³ "Nås AI:15d (1857-1866)", *ArkivDigital*, page 137, database image of household Johan Olsson.

³⁴ "Nås AI:15d (1857-1866)", *ArkivDigital*, page 137, database image of household Johan Olsson.

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³⁶ "Nås AI:15d (1857-1866)", *ArkivDigital*, page 137, database image of household Johan Olsson.

³⁷ "Nås AI:15d (1857-1866)", *ArkivDigital*, page 137, database image of household Johan Olsson.

³⁸ "Nås AI:15d (1857-1866)", *ArkivDigital*, page 137, database image of household Johan Olsson.

³⁹ "Nås (W) AI:13c (1837-1846)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 11 April 2019), image 79 / page 75. AID: v131302.b79.s75, NAD: SE/ULA/12222, Olof Jansson and family at Digerlegen, Sweden; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows Olof Jansson (born 1786) with wife Maja Andersdotter (born 1786) and four children.

⁴⁰ "Nås (W) AI:13c (1837-1846)", *ArkivDigital*, page 75, database of image of household of Olof Jansson.

5. Maja Andersdotter. Maja was born 11 November 1786 in Sweden.⁴¹ Maja married Olof (4) in 1811.⁴² Olof and Maja had four children.⁴³
 - i. Maja. Maja was born 15 August 1811 in Sweden.⁴⁴
 - ii. Johan. See 2. Above.
 - iii. Katharina. Katharina was born 21 March 1819 in Sweden.⁴⁵
 - iv. Olof. Olof was born 19 November 1821 in Sweden.⁴⁶
6. Lars Larson. Lars married Stina Jansdotter (7).⁴⁷
7. Stina Jansdotter. Stina married Lars Larson (6).⁴⁸ Lars and Stina had at least one child.
 - i. Anna. See 3. Above.

Generation 4

8. Jan Olsson. Jan was born 1 March 1750 in Sweden.⁴⁹ Jan married Margareta Olsdotter (9).⁵⁰
9. Margareta Olsdotter. Margareta was born 13 December 1749.⁵¹ Margareta married Jan (8). They had three children together.⁵²
 - i. Olof Jansson. See 4. Above.
 - ii. Sissa (transcription uncertain) Jansdotter was born 5 February 1789.⁵³
 - iii. Catarina. Catarina was born 21 February 1795.⁵⁴

⁴¹ "Nås (W) AI:13c (1837-1846)", *ArkivDigital*, page 75, database of image of household of Olof Jansson.

⁴² "Nås (W) AI:13c (1837-1846)", *ArkivDigital*, page 75, database of image of household of Olof Jansson.

⁴³ "Nås (W) AI:13c (1837-1846)", *ArkivDigital*, page 75, database of image of household of Olof Jansson.

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⁴⁵ "Nås (W) AI:13c (1837-1846)", *ArkivDigital*, page 75, database of image of household of Olof Jansson.

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⁴⁷ "Appelbo (W) C:4 (1797-1833)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 11 April 2019), image 67. AID: v132564.b67, NAD: SE/ULA/11789, Anna Larsdotter birth record; Swenson Swedish Immigration Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This image is a photocopy of the original parish records and shows Anna's birth record and parents name.

⁴⁸ "Appelbo (W) C:4 (1797-1833)", *ArkivDigital*, image 67, database of images of birth record of Anna Larsdotter.

⁴⁹ "Nås (W) AI:10 (1806-1815)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed on 11 April 2019), image 145 / page 135, AID: v131295.b145.s135, NAD: SE/ULA/12222, Olof Jansson and family: Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photocopy of the original parish records and shows Olof Jansson (born 1750) with wife Margareta Olsdotter (born 1749) with three children.

⁵⁰ "Nås (W) AI:10 (1806-1815)", *ArkivDigital*, page 135, database image of household of Jan Olsson.

⁵¹ "Nås (W) AI:10 (1806-1815)", *ArkivDigital*, page 135, database image of household of Jan Olsson.

⁵² "Nås (W) AI:10 (1806-1815)", *ArkivDigital*, page 135, database image of household of Jan Olsson.

⁵³ "Nås (W) AI:10 (1806-1815)", *ArkivDigital*, page 135, database image of household of Jan Olsson.

⁵⁴ "Nås (W) AI:10 (1806-1815)", *ArkivDigital*, page 135, database image of household of Jan Olsson.

Descendants of Lewis J. Sundquist

Generation 1

1. Lewis J. Sundquist. Lewis married Esther Cornelia Gibson. For more information about Lewis and Esther, see the biography in the main part.

Lewis and Esther had five children

- *2. i. Miranda A.M. Sundquist.
- *3. ii. Victor E. Sundquist.
- *4. iii. Laurence V.C. Sundquist.
- *5. iv. Sylvanus J.P. Sundquist.
- *6. v. Esther M.D. Sundquist.

Generation 2

7. Miranda A.M. Sundquist was born 16 January 1892. Miranda died 15 February 1981.⁵⁵
8. Victor E. Sundquist was born in 1895 in Kansas.⁵⁶
9. Laurence V.C. Sundquist was born 9 April 1898.⁵⁷ Laurence married Smilax Skelton in 1918. Laurence and Smilax had two daughters Verna Sundquist and Lois Sundquist.⁵⁸

Laurence and Smilax had two Children

- *10. Verna Sundquist.
- *11. Lois Sundquist.

12. Sylvanus J.P. Sundquist. Sylvanus was born 29 August 1902. Sylvanus died 2 September 1975.⁵⁹

⁵⁵ *Find a Grave*, Database with images (www.findagrave.com : added 13 December 2015) memorial 25311942, Miranda A.M. Sundquist (1892-1981), Alma Cemetery, Mead, Saunders County, Nebraska, United States; record created by Lee Martinson, The record includes an image of the grave stone.

⁵⁶ *United States Census, 1910*, Database with images (www.familysearch.org) FHL microfilm 1,374,430, Victor E. Sundquist (1895-?). The record includes a photograph of the 1910 census of Victor and his family. Victor was 15 years old at that time.

⁵⁷ "United States Census, 1900," Kansas > Pottawatomie > ED 134 Blue Valley Township > image 4 of 17 line 76-80, Lewis Sundquist.

⁵⁸ "United States Census, 1920", database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MWBB-WFX> : accessed 2 May 2019), Minnesota > Ramsey > St. Paul, Ward 1. ED 7, sheet 21A, line 46, family 455, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 852; FHL microfilm 1,820,852. This is a Photo of the 1920 United States Census.

⁵⁹ *Find A Grave*, Database with images (www.findagrave.com : added 12 March 2003) memorial 7258028, Sylvanus J.P. Sundquist (1902-1975), Alma Cemetery, Mead, Saunders County, Nebraska, United States; record created by Betty Orme, The record includes a photograph of the grave stone.

13. Esther M.D. Sundquist. She was born in 1908 in Texas. At the age of 2, she lived in Iowa.⁶⁰

Generation 3

14. Verna Sundquist. Verna was born in 1919 to Laurence and Smilax Sundquist.⁶¹

15. Lois Sundquist. Lois was born in 1920 to Laurence and Smilax Sundquist.⁶²

⁶⁰ "United States Census, 1910", database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MGM1-9Q1> : accessed 2 May 2019) Shenandoah Ward 2, Page, Iowa, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 98, sheet 11A, family 280, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 417; FHL microfilm 1,374,430.

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⁶² "United States Census, 1920", Minnesota> Ramsey> St. Paul, Ward 1> image 42 of 45, line 46, Laurence Sundquist.

Questions for Further Research

If we had more time we would like to research Lewis Sundquist's descendants more. We were able to find when his children were all born, but we do not know very much about his children other than where and when they were born. We do not know when his children passed away. We also do not know if any of his children got married or when they died, except for Lewis's son Laurence, who married Smilax and had two children. It would be nice to know more about his other descendants.

It would be nice to learn more about his time as a pastor for thirty three years. We know he moved all over the country, during his time as a pastor, but we do not know what he loved to preach about, what the members of his church thought about his his preaching, or how he was seen in the eyes of the members of his community.

It would be nice to learn more about his time at Augustana College. We learned that he was a member of The Phrenokosmian Society, and he also joined The Handel Oratorio Society. But we do not know what he did in his free time, who he he associated with while at Augustana, or all the classes he took during his time at Augustana. We do know of a few classes he took, such as and English and Swedish class, but he must have taken more than those.

It would be great to look into why Lewis chose to move to Nebraska. Why did he pick Nebraska when he could have picked anywhere in the United States to migrate to? Also how did he find out about Augustana College from Nebraska? We would also like to look into how he picked to change his name to Lewis Sundquist from Lars Johnanson. We believe he changed his name to make it more "Americanized", but where did Sundquist come from? We never found any record of a name even similar to Sundquist in his family history.

It would be nice to be able to go back to the Swenson Swedish Immigration Center and find out more about Lewis' ancestors. We were able to find out a good amount about Lewis's father's side, but we do not know much about his mother's side of the family. If we had more time, it would be good to go back and research his mother's side of the family tree more.

We have created a record for Lewis J. Sundquist in the Family Tree on *FamilySearch*. The record locator is G9L6-G4B.

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